

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, November 21, 2011.

Following the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Hernandez. Present: Council Member Mario Gomez, Vice Mayor Andy Molina, Council Member Rosa E. Perez, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez; Absent: Council Member Elba Guerrero.

Albert Fontanez, Senior Planner, displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the National Civic League's All-America City final competition in Kansas, Missouri June 15 through 17, 2011 and the unveiling of the All-America City Quilt.

Mayor Hernandez and City Council presented certificates of recognition to the following non-profit organizations for their commitment to working with the community and making our City a better place to live and work: 1) American Federation of State County Municipal Employees - Local #1769 Huntington Park General Association; 2) Sugrace (not present); 3) Fair Housing Foundation Services Program (not present); 4) Volunteers of America - Homeless Prevention/Rapid Re-Housing (not present); 5) Huntington Park Minor Home Repair Program; 6) Huntington Park Department of Parks and Recreation – After-School Program; 7) Huntington Park Department of Public Works – Graffiti Removal Program; 8) Hub Cities Consortium; 9) Southeast Community Development Corporation; 10) Huntington Park General Employees Association; 11) American Youth Soccer Association #526 (not present); 12) Relay for Life; 13) Huntington Park Kiwanis; 14) Salvation Army Southeast Communities Family Services Program; 15) Communities for a Better Environment; 16) American Association of Retired Persons Chapter 221; 17) Southeast Woman's Organization; 18) Huntington Park Elk's Lodge #1415 (not present); 19) Raul R. Perez Memorial Scholarship Fund; 20) META 2000 (not present); 21) Southeast Churches Service Center Emergency Food Program; 22) St. Francis Medical Center Foundation Healthy Communities Initiative (not present); 23) Los Angeles Community Legal Center Southeast Healthy Homes Program; 24) Huntington Park Business Improvement District; 25) The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce; 26) St. Matthias Women's Guild (not present); 27) Huntington Park Sister Cities Association; 28) The Huntington Park Women's Club; 29) Oldtimer's Foundation Senior Nutrition Center; 30) Southeast Rio Vista Family YMCA – Kids Zone After-School Program; 31) Huntington Park Police Department PAL Program; 32) Huntington Park Police Department Code Enforcement Program; 33) Huntington Park Police Department Police Officers' Association (not present); 34) Huntington Park Youth Football & Cheer (not present); 35) Huntington Park High School Sports Program; 36) Huntington Park Public Library Homework Center.

Brittany Estrada, representing the Alliance for a Better Committee, displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding how the City can expand and support the benefits of early care education. Ms. Estrada briefed City Council on the Early Care & Education (ECE) Taskforce background and informed City Council that the ECE Taskforce provides service to the southeast cities in Los Angeles County which includes Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, Huntington Park, Maywood, South Gate, and Vernon. Ms. Estrada presented data pertaining to the number of infants/toddlers and pre-school age children in households with parent(s) in the workforce and introduced Soledad Viramontes.

Soledad Viramontes, member of the Southeast Cities Early Care & Education (ECE) Taskforce, informed City Council that the ECE Taskforce has a growing network of partners working in collaboration with the ECE Taskforce including the Center for Community & Family Services, Mexican American Opportunity Foundation, Human Services Association and many more organizations to provide early care and education to over 300 children a day in the southeast cities. Ms. Viramontes briefed City Council on the ECE Taskforce mission, goals and accomplishments.

Ofelia Medina, Policy Director of the Alliance for a Better Committee, thanked City Council and Planning Manager Eric Garcia for their support and assistance in their efforts to provide quality care and education to the children in the community. Ms. Medina briefed City Council on the Long Beach Early Childhood Education Committee background and accomplishments. Ms. Medina requested a formal partnership with the City via resolution to continue improving the community's access to early care and quality education in the City and to strengthen the efforts of the ECE Taskforce.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-59. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, **SUPPORTING EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION AND THE SOUTHEAST CITIES EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION TASKFORCE** was presented. Motion by Molina, seconded by Perez, to adopt Resolution No. 2011-59, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council

Member Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Guerrero. Mayor Hernandez stated that she would like to transfer her Professional Development Expense funds for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 to the Southeast Cities Early Care Education Taskforce to help with their expenses for community outreach materials.

Mayor Hernandez opened oral communications, indicating that this was the time for anyone in the audience to address the City Council on any matter of City business.

Enrique Murillo expressed his concern to City Council regarding the deteriorating condition of the asphalt and sidewalks on his street and inquired about the possibility of having it resurfaced and thanked City Council for recognizing the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Chapter 221 as one of the organizations that contribute to the community. Acting Public Works Superintendent Bilodeau offered to meet with Mr. Murillo regarding this matter.

Yadira Lopez, President of the General Employees' Association (GEA), informed City Council that the GEA is aware of the City's financial status and offered to assist the City in finding possible solutions to this matter and thanked Mayor Hernandez for meeting with the GEA.

Steve Koffroth, representing the American Federation of State County Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 1769, informed City Council that the AFSCME is one of the largest labor union organizations with a large research department and offered their resources to City Council to mutually benefit the City as well as the GEA. Mr. Koffroth gave a brief background of his professional experience in working with cities and in writing and advocating laws. Mr. Koffroth stated that he would like to meet with City Council to clear any confusion about their purpose and to have an open line of communication.

Don Brabant, President of The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce, thanked the City for partnering with the Chamber to present the 2011 Christmas Lane Parade held on Saturday, November 19, 2011.

Dante D'Eramo, Executive Director/CEO of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, informed City Council that the 2011 Christmas Lane Parade kicked off the Holiday season and shopping in Huntington Park. Mr. D'Eramo informed City Council that the 2011 Christmas Lane Parade was received on various television channels, newspapers, and radio stations; and it will be shown at least twelve (12) times on Charter Local Access Channel 3, LA36, and KLCS. Mr. D'Eramo also informed City Council that the air times would be available on the Chamber of Commerce's website. Mr. D'Eramo thanked the City of Huntington Park, Waste Management, and the Business Improvement District (BID) for their support and sponsorship of the parade.

Robert Salazar addressed a concern to City Council on behalf of the business owner at 56th Street by Santa Fe Avenue regarding the Fire Department's requirement that there must be an additional hydrant by that location. Mr. Salazar informed City Council that Golden State Water Company requires a \$1,500 non-refundable deposit to conduct a feasibility analysis for the installation of a hydrant near the business. Mr. Salazar informed City Council that in addition to the deposit, if the analysis deems the installation of the hydrant feasible, their business must incur the costs associated with its installation. Mr. Salazar asked City Council to assist them with this matter in any way possible. Mayor Hernandez referred Mr. Salazar to Interim City Manager Romero regarding this matter.

Kimberly Rodriguez thanked City Council on behalf of The Salvation Army for the certificate of recognition for their commitment to working with the community and thanked City Council for their support.

Jose Luis Solache thanked City Council on behalf of Oldtimers Foundation for the certificate of recognition and briefed City Council regarding the services and programs they offer such as Meals on Wheels and March for Meals and invited anyone interested to participate by donating their time to assist in the distribution of meals on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Hernandez called for any other oral communications, and hearing none, declared oral communications closed.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider a decision denying a request for a Development Permit and Variance to deviate from the minimum development standards to establish a convenience store with no alcohol sales at 2321 E. Florence Avenue in the C-G (General-Commercial) Zone. The City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the

City Clerk. Eric Garcia, Planning Manager, displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding Planning Commission Case No. 1941 Development Permit/Variance (DP/VAR) at 2321 E. Florence Avenue and the basis for the Planning Department recommendation as well as the decision of the Planning Commission to deny the request for a Development Permit and Variance to deviate from the minimum development standards to establish a convenience store with no alcohol sales at 2321 E. Florence Avenue in the C-G (General-Commercial) Zone. Mr. Garcia informed City Council that due to inconsistencies within the Huntington Park Municipal Code in regards to the minimum distance requirements from a school's property line to a convenience store property line, the Planning Department recommends that City Council direct staff to further research this matter and report back to City Council. Following a discussion, Mayor Hernandez declared the appeal hearing open and called for oral communications from the appellant. David Sabin, representing 7-Eleven, Inc., informed City Council regarding the quality of products offered by 7-Eleven and their approach to providing healthier snacks and food options to the community. Mr. Sabin also informed City Council that the proposed 7-Eleven convenience store at 2321 E. Florence Avenue will not to sell alcohol or gasoline fuel but it will offer over 200 products to meet the needs of the community. Mr. Sabin asked City Council to consider their request for 7-Eleven to open at 2321 E. Florence and stated that it will provide local jobs and increase tax revenue for the City. Ralph Deppisch, owner of the 7-Eleven proposed development at 2321 E. Florence, informed City Council that 7-Eleven is community minded; it generates millions of dollars in retail sales and approximately a million dollars in sales tax and creates jobs. Mr. Deppisch inquired regarding a variance that the City Council approved in 2007 for Circle K to open near a school with permission to sell beer and wine and recently upgraded their license in 2010 to be able to serve hard liquor. Mr. Deppisch informed City Council that a professional survey was done in which the distance between the proposed 7-Eleven convenience store and the school nearby meets the City's minimum distance requirement. Motion by Perez, seconded by Gomez, **to continue this appeal hearing to the January 3, 2011 City Council meeting; for City staff and legal counsel to research this item further and report back to City Council with an accurate measurement of the distance between the proposed 7-Eleven store and the nearby school; and to review the Huntington Park Municipal Code to correct any inconsistencies pertaining to the minimum distance requirements from a convenience store to a school**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Member Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Guerrero.

. City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider an ordinance amending the Huntington Park Zoning Map designation from MPD (Manufacturing Planned Development) to C-G (Commercial-General) for properties located at 5707 Pacific Boulevard and 2554 57th Street. The City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Eric Garcia, Planning Manager, displayed a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed Huntington Park Zoning Map designation from MPD to C-G. Mayor Hernandez declared the public hearing open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Mayor Hernandez declared the **public hearing** closed.

ORDINANCE NO. 879-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AMENDING THE **OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK** was read by title. Motion by Perez, seconded by Molina, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 879-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 879-NS-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Member Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Guerrero.

Motion by Molina, seconded by Gomez, to approve the Consent Calendar, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Member Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Guerrero.

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, November 7, 2011.

Approve the reading by title of all ordinances and resolutions. Said titles which appear on the public agenda shall be determined to have been read by title and further reading waived.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated November 21, 2011.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Authorize staff to issue Request for Proposals for City Prosecutor Services.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Mayor Hernandez for discussion and/or action regarding bike lanes and bike safety in the City of Huntington Park. Following a discussion, City Council recommended community outreach & education on bike safety by using mobile message boards and offering a couple classes each year on bike safety. City staff will research this item further and report back in January 2012.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Perez for discussion and/or action regarding costs associated with The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce 2011 Christmas Lane Parade held on Saturday, November 19, 2011. Motion by Perez, seconded by Molina, **for The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to provide the City a financial report on all income and expenses associated with the 2011 Christmas Lane Parade held November 19, 2011**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Member Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Guerrero. **There being no objection, Mayor Hernandez requested that The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce provide the financial report to the City in January 2012 regarding all income and expenses associated with the 2011 Christmas Lane Parade.**

Community Development Department presented for discussion and/or action an Activity in Public Places Permit No. (S11-26) request by the Downtown Huntington Park Business Improvement District (BID) to conduct the annual Three Kings Procession and Children's Fair along Pacific Boulevard between Randolph Street and Gage Avenue on January 6, 2012, subject to approval from all applicable City departments and local public agencies prior to the permit issuance; and consider the applicant's request for a partial waiver of the estimated departmental costs. Motion by Perez, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the Activity in Public Places Permit No. (S11-26) request by the Downtown Huntington Park Business Improvement District (BID) to conduct the annual Three Kings Procession and Children's Fair along Pacific Boulevard between Randolph Street and Gage Avenue on January 6, 2012, subject to approval from all applicable City departments and local public agencies prior to the permit issuance; and for the City to bill the Business Improvement District for over time only of City personnel scheduled to work the annual Three Kings Procession and Children's Fair on January 6, 2012**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Member Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Guerrero.

Community Development Department presented for discussion and/or action a recommendation by the Planning Commission to appoint Irving Pacheco to the Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term ending February 1, 2014. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Molina, **for the Planning Commission to review the two (2) new Planning Commission applications and report back to City Council with a recommendation**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Member Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Guerrero.

Community Development Department requested reappointment of Enrique Murillo to the Health and Education Commission for a four-year term. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Perez, to **reappoint Enrique Murillo to the Health and Education Commission for a four-year term ending November 21, 2015**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Member Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Guerrero.

Director of Finance Padilla requested approval of Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program Memorandum of Understanding for Sub-regional Paratransit Services by and between the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) and the City of Huntington Park. Motion by Perez, seconded by Molina, **approve Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program Memorandum of Understanding for Sub-regional Paratransit Services by and between the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) and the City of Huntington Park; and authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Member Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Guerrero.

City Engineer Lind requested approval of Agreement regarding Payment of Purchase Price by and between the City of Huntington Park and AP Wireless Infrastructure Partners LLC for the rights granted, assigned, and transferred in the existing lease of cell tower located at 6518 Miles Avenue; and authorize the Mayor or the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Molina, to **approve an Agreement regarding Payment of Purchase Price by and between the City of Huntington Park and AP Wireless Infrastructure Partners LLC for the rights granted, assigned, and transferred in the existing lease of cell tower located at 6518 Miles Avenue; and authorize the Mayor or the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Member Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Guerrero.

Chief of Police Cisneros presented for discussion and/or action Amendment No. 2 to Amended and Restated Agreement for Furnishing of Towing and Storage Service and Designation as an Official Police Garage for the City of Huntington Park. Motion by Molina, seconded by Gomez, to **approve Amendment No. 2 to Amended and Restated Agreement for Furnishing of Towing and Storage Service and Designation as an Official Police Garage for the City of Huntington Park by and between Huntington Park Tow Service and the City of Huntington Park**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Member Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Guerrero.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-60. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, **DEDICATING AND ACCEPTING CERTAIN LAND OWNED BY THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK FOR PUBLIC STREET PURPOSES TO BECOME AND BE KNOWN AS A PORTION OF NEWELL AVENUE** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Molina, to adopt Resolution No. 2011-60, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Member Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Guerrero.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-61. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THAT THE **STATE OF CALIFORNIA JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE (JLAC) CONSIDER THE CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT AS A HIGH RISK GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND RECOMMEND THAT THE JLAC DIRECT THE STATE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF THE AGENCY'S PRACTICES** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Perez, to adopt Resolution No. 2011-61, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Member Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Guerrero.

ORDINANCE NO. 878-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 19 TO TITLE 4, **REGARDING REGULATIONS AND**

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LICENSURE OF TOBACCO RETAILERS was read by title. Motion by Molina, seconded by Perez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 878-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 878-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Member Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Guerrero.

Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m., in memory of Ignacio Troncoso, longtime resident, active member of the community and business owner of Sloan's Cleaners; and Jose Angel Soto, father of Marco Soto, Vice President of Sales and Marketing of Administrative Services Cooperative, Inc.

Ofelia Hernandez, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk